



I am writing this on Holocaust Memorial Day – always a very poignant time, especially coming as it does so soon after the Christmas and New Year festivities. The commemoration of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp achieved an especial significance for Ann and I following a visit some years ago to the camp at Dachau during a holiday to Bavaria. We had intended to spend a couple of hours there, but we ended up taking the whole day experiencing this monument to Man's Inhumanity to Man – a truly salutary experience.

During a subsequent holiday to Prague, we took a taxi to the village of Lidice, preserved by the Czechs as a permanent memorial to the 340 residents – men, women and children – who were murdered by the Nazis in reprisal for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, the brutal Commandant of the city of Prague. One of the many things that stuck in our minds after both visits was the fact that, despite both Dachau and Lidice being in woodland, and despite it being the height of summer, we did not hear one bird singing on either occasion.

I wonder how many of you have visited the National Holocaust Museum just outside Laxton? If you haven't, may I strongly recommend that you do so? The experience that it offers is both educational and thoroughly moving, giving you a strong taste of what life was actually like for the victims of brutal regimes, what drove them to try and escape to avoid persecution, and how the spirit of hope in the darkest hour helped to sustain them. Not the easiest of museum trips, perhaps, but it is one that you will always remember. If you can, try to coincide your trip when a Visiting Speaker is appearing. I notice that, this month for example, Eva Clarke BEM, who was actually born in Mathausen Concentration Camp, is a key speaker, and later in February the issue of Kindertransport is explored in a series of activities designed for all the family.

We are experiencing the darkest and coldest of days now, but, judging by my bulbs poking their shoots above the soil, the buds appearing on my Rowan and Jasper chasing his tail on the lawn, Spring is well and truly on its way. The candlelight we are asked to put in our windows for Holocaust Day reminds us that, even in the most appalling of circumstances, hope and the human spirit will always triumph in the end.

With Every Good Wish,

Mike.



Group Meeting Times

	1st in month	2nd in month	3rd in month	4th in month
Mon			Monthly Meeting 12.30pm. Jubilee Hall	
Tues	Ramblers 6-8 m 9.30 Jubilee Hall The Banjoleers Jubilee Hall 10am till 11.30pm Tuesday Lunch Club 12.30 for 1.00 pm	Bridge Group 1pm till 4pm Jubilee Hall	Ramblers 6-8 m 9.30 Jubilee Hall The Banjoleers Jubilee Hall 10am till 11.30pm	Bridge Group 1pm till 4pm Jubilee Hall
Wed	All Sorts Games & 10am till 1 pm Ambleside Centre History Group 1.15 to 3pm Ambleside Centre Soft Tennis 12 to 1pm Ollerton Scout Hall	Sewing Bee 10am to 12pm Ambleside Centre Rummikubs Ollerton House 2pm to 4pm Play Reading 2pm to 4pm Ambleside Centre Soft Tennis 12 to 1pm Ollerton Scout Hall	All Sorts Games & 10am till 1 pm Ambleside Centre Creative Writing 2.15 to 4pm Ambleside Centre Soft Tennis 12 to 1pm Ollerton Scout Hall	Sewing Bee 10 to 12pm Ambleside Rummikubs Ollerton House 2pm to 4pm Play Reading 2pm to 4pm Ambleside Centre Soft Tennis 12 to 1pm Ollerton Scout Hall
Thurs	Ukulele group 10.00 to 12.00pm Jubilee Hall	Ukulele group 10.00 to 12.00pm Jubilee Hall Savoy Cinema Worksop 1.30pm	Ukulele group 10.00 to 12.00pm Jubilee Hall	Ukulele group 12.00pm Jubilee Hall
Fri	Scrabble 13.30 South Forest	Mah jong 10 till 12 pm Ambleside Centre		Mah jong 10 till 12pm Ambleside Centre

Sunday Lunch Club 4th Sunday in Month 12.30 for 1.00pm

Tuesday Lunch Club 1st Tuesday of the month 12.30
for 1pm

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February Speaker

Mike Burton.

The river Trent, from source to sea



Mike traces the story of the River Trent in the Heart of England.

England's prosperity was built along the waterway which, since ancient times, has been a great border – the country's north-south dividing line. Great men, great queens, and great innovation mark the Trent's history. Yet it is, for all that, a mysterious river; silently and secretly doing its own thing and not fully known or understood.

Mike is a former journalist and teacher and here presents one of his fascinating illustrated talks.

History Group

A message from Barbara



With some reluctance, I feel now is the right time to step down as leader of the History Group.

I just want to thank you all for your support over the last 3 years. I do hope the baton will be picked up and that the group will continue going from strength to strength. The members of the group are enthusiastic, knowledgeable and such fun to be with. Thank you.

Thank you also to the great speakers we have had, from far and near and from within the group. Especially those that had never presented before. I will miss you but my number is in any newsletter and my door is always open.

Barbara ***01909 239661***

The group meets on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at Ambleside Community centre, Yew Tree Road, Ollerton from **1.15 to 3pm**

Cost **£1.00** per session.

History Group

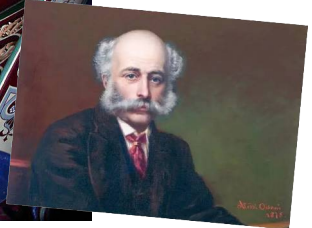
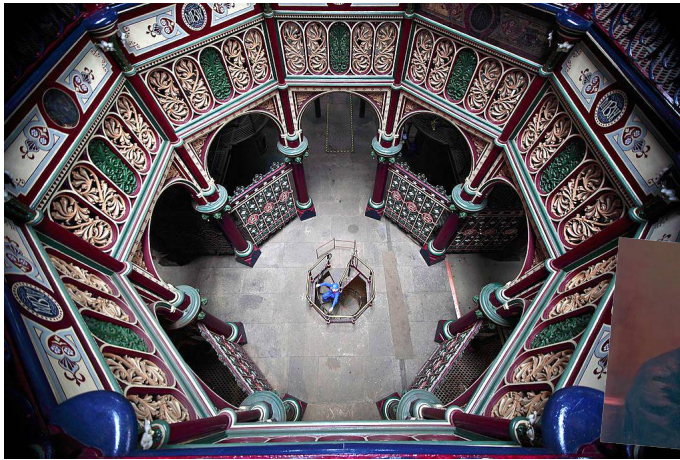
Wednesday 4th February.



London's Sewer System

You won't need a peg for your nose to enjoy this talk by Paul Webb on London's great Victorian sewer system designed & created by

Joseph Bazalgette, the great Victorian engineer.



There will also be a discussion on the way forward for the group in the future as Barbara has unfortunately had to stand down.

A Day in Wakefield

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2026

Leaving Jubilee Hall 8.45

Showtimes 10.00am to 4.00pm

Wakefield's celebration of the famous
pink rhubarb

Very popular food and drink market
sample some local and regional treats

Demonstrations by Chefs

Live Music

Street Entertainers

Wide range of street food stalls, cafes
and restaurants

Heritage Talks

Visit Wakefield Cathedral, Museum, Library and Arts Centre



Sold Out

Waiting list available.

Contact Leslye 07946 702296



SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2026

DOORS OPEN 6.00PM JUBILEE HALL

IRISH THEMED FUN AND LAUGHTER SOCIAL NIGHT!

Come join in the fun at this get-together

Table Top Games and Raffle

Funny Half Hour – Bring a short joke, limerick or a brief, funny tale to tell

Snacks served in the Interval

Prize for the most original outfit – Theme – Irish/Green

Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tickets on sale on **16th February** at the

Members' Meeting. **£5.00**

More details to be confirmed in the New Year

The Events Team



RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!

At the Irish Themed Social Night on **Saturday 21 March**, we will be holding a raffle in aid of our chosen charity,

The Nottingham and Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

Have you something you could donate?

After Christmas, you may have unwanted bottles of alcohol or body products. Or sweets and chocolates?

Or you might wish to purchase something to support this worthy charity.

Please bring your donations to the Members' Meeting on

Monday 19 January, Monday 16 February or Monday 16 March

and give them to Pam Hardwick or Chris Hough.

Please ensure your donations are new, unused and in date!

Thank you for your generosity!

The Events Team



Jubilee Ukulele Group.

Next Concert.....

Thursday 19th March 10am to 3pm
John Fretwell Complex

For their next fund-raising event ,the Jubilee Ukulele Group have organised a Jamboree, details on the poster below.

We are aiming to be able to give a sizeable donation to the John Eastwood Hospice, Mansfield.

We invite any ukulele players, (not just U3A members) to join us for this Ukulele Fest.

So spread the word.

Admission by ticket only.

Contact Linda Bond 01623 861595,

or e-mail:- jjplayalong@gmail.com to request tickets.



Thurs
19th
March
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The JUG's Jamboree

Thurs
19th
March
2026

Raffle
prizes



Raffle
prizes

Hat
band

Open
mic



The Jugs Jamboree

Beginners

Ukulele play along

10am-3pm



The Jugs Jamboree

to advanced

Tickets £10 - to include:

Free tea/coffee all day
Song book with chords
Meeting like-minded people
Bring your own food

Address: The John Fretwell Complex, Sookholme Rd, Mansfield NG19 8LL

For a great ukulele day out, contact Linda Bond
email: JJPlayalong@gmail.com

All proceeds from this event will be for
The John Eastwood Hospice and The John Fretwell Complex

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION WHEN PAYING ON-LINE FOR TICKETS FOR EVENTS

Dukeries u3a has changed banks and our account
is now with Lloyds.

Should you wish to pay on-line for an event,
the details are as follows:-

DUKERIES THIRD AGE GROUP (U3A)

Account 47824960 Sort Code 30-54-66

IMPORTANT

Please Reference with EVENT NAME and YOUR NAME.

For example, IRISH BILL BLOGGS.

Information from The Events Team

Dietary Requirements

When booking tickets for events, please ensure you
advise the ticket-seller, if you have a particular dietary
requirement

(vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free etc).

Every effort will be made to accommodate your
requirements.

The Events Team

Chris, Dave, Jean, Kevin, Leslye, Lisbeth, Pam

We are now looking at social events for 2026.

Where would you like to go? What would you like to do?

***Thank you for supporting our events over
the past 12 months***

Would you like to contribute some fresh, new ideas to Dukeries u3a Social Events Calendar? We would love two new people to join our happy band. We meet every two months. We share ideas and any tasks. We have a laugh!

Contact Leslye slhu3a@gmail.com

Don't forget to check out our Website,
lots more to see there....

<https://dukeries.u3asite.uk/welcome/>

Just click or tap the link above...





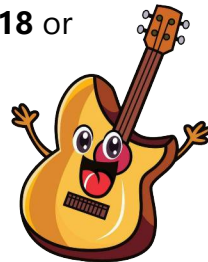
New Guitar Group

Phil Topley is organising a new Guitar group which will meet twice a month, **1st & Third Tuesday at Jubilee Hall, 12 till 1.30pm.**

First Meeting in January.

This new group is being set up by Phil (from Banjoleers), and is initially for intermediate players with their own equipment. However, at this embryonic stage the group is looking to learn from each other and decide on the direction it will take. There are currently about 5 people who have expressed an interest but if you play or have played in the past, please come along and give us a try.

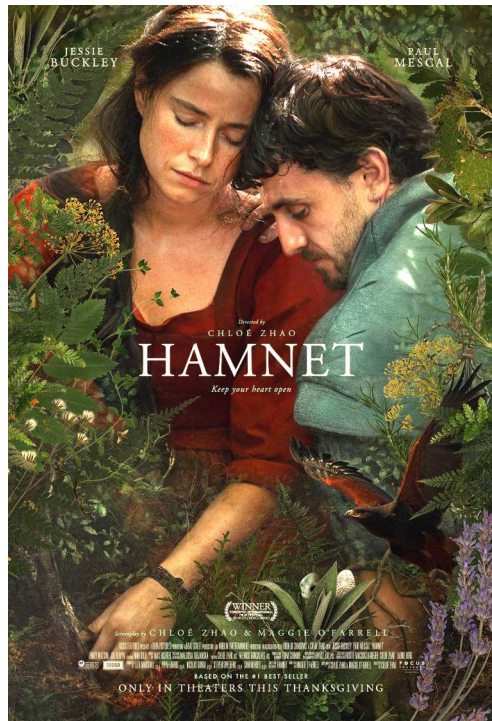
Why not give Phil a call on **07980 601018** or just turn up and see if you like it?



SAVOY

Workshop

Thursday 12th February



Trailer

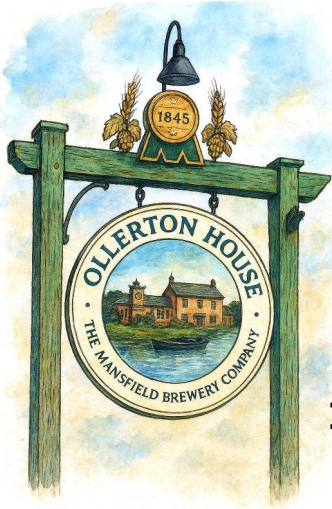
New Ticket Price £5.15

Whether you have a drink or not....

Doors open 1.30pm Show starts at **2pm**

Greatly reduced ticket price, for u3a members only.

Remember to bring your membership card....



**Lets get
Together.**

Informal social get-togethers, early evening in the Ollerton House next to the Jubilee Hall

If you would like to do something more interesting in the evening, instead of sitting at home flicking through the channels, do come along.

You buy your own drinks, tea or coffee, and stay as long as you want. Everyone is welcome, especially singletons who would like to get out more!! A member suggested it should be called the Laughter Club after a recent hilarious meeting.

Simply text your name and mobile number to Dave on **07517 699105** and he will contact you.

Contact Dave today and make more of your Winter evenings.



Air Ambulance



Mmmmm a good Christmas party and it was great to see so many new faces, I hope you were entertained well and enjoyed yourselves.

The sale of bingo and sticky thirteen games came to £125 and the generosity of the winners in donating back their winnings swelled the proceeds to £145.

A member donated £5 and others donated 23p,(that was a funny story which has been repeated much to the amusement of the listeners)

My lovely group of gardeners donated £17 this month and it all added up to £167.23 which I have just transferred to our chosen charity.

So we have smashed our hopeful target of £9,000 and have up to today raised **£9,150.00**.

My thanks go to you all for being so generous in supporting this life saving service and my hopes are that you will not need them to rescue you at any time in the future.

So I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. *Pam, Charity Co-ordinator.*

Air Ambulance News. [*Click Here*](#)

DIARY DATES DUKERIES U3A 2026

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY MEMBERS' MEETING

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY DAY TRIP TO WAKEFIELD
RHUBARB FESTIVAL

MONDAY 9 MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 16 MARCH MEMBERS' MEETING

SATURDAY 21 MARCH IRISH THEMED SOCIAL
EVENING



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
NETWORK**

NEWSBITES!

Sharing ideas across 34 u3a's in Nottinghamshire

*Click on the link for the
latest Newsbites*

<https://nottsnetworkofu3as.u3asite.uk/newsbites/>



A picture of a few of our happy band.

'The Banjoleers are a 16 strong group of like minded individuals, getting together twice a month to play, laugh and enjoy ourselves, We like to think we are 'Improving / advanced' players but don't let that fool you or put you off. If you would like to give it a go, come and join us. We're also looking for some additional voices, so even if you don't fancy playing an instrument, come along with your voice and have some fun.

Every **first & third Tuesday** of the month, **10 to 11.30 am** at **Jubilee Hall**. Playing joyful songs, having a laugh and enjoying ourselves.

For information contact Phil Topley, **07980 601018**



u3a friends



Join up for the latest 'Friends' magazine

Have a look on the link....

['Click Here'](#)

And **u3a Extra** with products & services

[Click Here...](#)

Interest Group Leaders

All Sorts/Gardening	Sharon Thornhill	07739 003251
Bridge	Georgina Batty	07772 649281
Bowling	Alan or Val Saunders	01623 631993
Banjoleers	Phil Topley	07980601018
Creative Writing	Mike Mounsey	01623 824789
History	Barbara Baglee	01909 239661
Mahjong	Val Saunders	01623 631993
Play reading	James Bartlett	07473 924082
Rummy Kub	Linda Bond	01623 861595
Ramblers 6-8m	Stephen Hall	07877 792969
Scrabble	Christine Storer	07980 511308
Sewing Bee	Jane Young	07980 378979
Soft Tennis	Paul Webb	07803 606928
Sunday Lunch Group	Maria Pitrolino	07904 269549
Tuesday Lunch Club	Beryl Lee	07967 801467
WhatsApp Walkers	Hazel & John Francis	07484 728027
Ukulele	Linda Bond	01623 861595

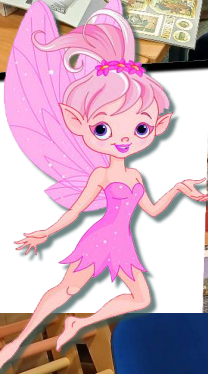
Just in case...

If you have any health issues that you think may affect your participation in, or enjoyment of, the activities of Dukeries u3a, you might wish to disclose them voluntarily with the Group Leaders of the groups you join.



Please have an "in case of emergency" card with you at all times and/or enter details onto your mobile phone.

All Sorts Group



What a wonderful morning ladies had making Christmas cards. Lots of fun had and lots of mess and fingers stuck together ha-ha. Here's some pictures of their work.

If you fancy having a go at various things pop along and see us at **Ambleside** every **1st and 3rd Wednesday** of the month, **10am till 1pm**. For further information please contact,

Sharon Thornhill 07739 003251

The Bridge Club

Not to be confused with any National, International or any other conventional Bridge clubs ! If you enjoy playing cards and social interaction - this is the group for you !

If you are a seasoned Bridge player, please come along and join us - you will be made very welcome, and can join in the play immediately.

Alternatively, if you have played Bridge in the past, and have become 'rusty' - but would like to take it up again, you are quite at liberty to come along to sit and watch, until you feel confident enough to join in.

Whatever you decide, we have experienced players who will offer kind help and advice. You do not need a regular partner, as we all rotate round and play different people - hence, lots of social chatter !

You will find no harsh judgement or criticism - This is a social occasion where everybody is very friendly and encouraging, and where the emphasis is on having fun !

Tuition

For those who have never played Bridge, but would like to learn, we are now happily able to offer Tuition.

Next Page...

Linda Bond has very kindly offered to teach newcomers. If you are interested, please contact us and we will put your name down on the waiting list. The idea is, to integrate the novices into the main Bridge group when they are ready, and this is proving very successful.

We have often been asked about tuition in the past, but until now, have reluctantly had to respond negatively. A big 'Thank You' to Linda for offering this service, which is much appreciated !

The Bridge group meets at the Jubilee Hall, Wellow Rd, Ollerton , DN22 9AP, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month - from 1pm until 4pm. There is a break for Refreshments at 2.30pm. The first visit is free of charge, but thereafter, the fee is £3 per session. This covers the rent and refreshments.

Either, just drop in, or contact us beforehand.

For further details please contact Georgina Batty,
Group Leader, on **07772649281**

PLEASE JOIN US - WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING NEW FACES !



Mah Jong

2nd & 4th

Friday each month



Ambleside, Yew Tree road, Ollerton
NG22 9UW, 10am to 12pm.

Mah-jong is an interesting, tile-based game that was developed in the 19th century in China and has spread throughout the world since then. It is played by three or four players with a set of 144 tiles based on Chinese characters. Similar to the Western card game of rummy, Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy and luck.

New members are very welcome and existing members will help any newcomers wishing to learn the game.

Refreshments are available at each meeting.

£1 - £2 per session depending on numbers attending



For further information, contact
Val Saunders 01623 631993



PLAY READING

Perfect for theatre lovers and beginners alike!

When:

- ❖ Second and Fourth Wednesdays of the month 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Where:

- ❖ The Ambleside Centre, Yew Tree Road, Ollerton, NG22 9UW
- ❖ What3words app: nightfall.schools.profile

What to expect:

- ❖ Discover the joy of play reading
- ❖ Meet like-minded people
- ❖ Improve your reading and performance skills
- ❖ A friendly and welcoming atmosphere
- ❖ Engaging readings of classic, contemporary, and homegrown plays
- ❖ No experience necessary – just bring your enthusiasm!
- ❖ Refreshments provided

Why join the Waiting List?

- ❖ Be notified when we have a vacancy
- ❖ Opportunity to join a second group if demand is there

More Information: Group convener: James 07473 924082 or

dukeriesu3asec@gmail.com

Ramblers Rambles



Sadly the weather beat us for the first walk of the New Year as we decided that even though we are intrepid, the below zero temperatures and frozen ground were not good people in their Third Age. However our second scheduled walk, although a little wet under foot saw the sun shine on us for most of the time, as we ventured from the Pumping Station at Meden Vale through The Lings forest and then back via the Black Pool and the Saxon Meeting Ground at Thynghowe, so quite a decent 7 miles. Like with most outdoor activities, we always say if you have the right clothing and equipment you can practically do anything and we were all well wrapped up with proper boots too!

Our next walk is on Tuesday 3rd February when hopefully we will be walking in Newark to the Queen's Sconce.

Bye for now

Kate and Stephen.

Rummikubs Group



We meet on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday each month**,
in the restaurant at
The Ollerton House pub, Wellow Road, Ollerton,
2.00 – 4.00pm.

About 12 of us meet for a friendly game of Rummikubs at the Ollerton House. If you would like either to play, or to learn to play, please come along and join us. NO FEE but do buy a drink as a thankyou to the Ollerton House for giving us the use of their restaurant.

Cheer's Linda Bond
01623 861595)



Here is a link to the latest news.... [Click Here...](#)

S C R A B B L E

South Forest Leisure Centre
Clipstone Road, NG21 9JF
1st Friday of the month
1:30pm till 4pm

Contact **Christine Storer** on **07980 511308**
for more information.

Dukeries on the Web

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Dukeries **u3a**

To find **Dukeries u3a** on the web, just click,
Dukeries.u3asite.uk



Sewing Bee



Dukeries u3a Sewing Bee

2nd & 4th Wednesday in the month. 10.00am to 12.00, Ambleside Community Centre, Yew Tree Road, Ollerton

Sewing machines available for use, a basic sewing kit and any sewing projects, if you have any.

Jane Young is always very happy to welcome new members to the group. Knitters, Crochet and needle workers of any kind also welcome.



Contact Jane or come along on the day.

Group Facilitator– Jane Young
(enquiries 07980 378979)

When the Weather's Cold but the Singing's Warm-The Dukeries Singers.

There's something wonderfully defiant about gathering for choir rehearsal in the depths of winter. While the wind howls outside and the heating at the church hall debates whether it's going to cooperate, The Dukeries Singers step inside, unwrap scarves, thaw out their fingers, and suddenly the room fills with warmth, partly from the radiators, but mostly from each other.

Behind the scenes on a typical choir night, it's always the same delightful blend of calm, chaos, and comedy. Someone is hunting for a pencil, someone else has found three they didn't know they had, and someone is in the wrong part of the music but singing it with such confidence that you start to question your own part. Then John Pope brings us all to attention with one of his trademarks, "Let's try that again... together this time!" moments, delivered with enough good humour to keep morale soaring. Susan, meanwhile, is the unflappable heartbeat of the rehearsal, patiently guiding us through tricky passages and never once rolling her eyes, at least not where we can see.

One of the greatest joys of the choir is the beautiful cross-section of people who make it up. Voices from different ages, experiences, and backgrounds come together like pieces of a jigsaw, each unique yet essential to the full picture. When those voices blend, you can almost feel the room lift.

For me, being part of The Dukeries Singers is more than singing; it's belonging to a family that meets once a week to recharge the soul. Winter may be long, but laughter, harmony, and community make it feel a lot shorter.

And best of all, our door is always open. No auditions, no tests, just come along. Because everyone can sing... especially with us.

We meet at The Methodist Church Hall, Forest Road, New Ollerton, at 7 pm until 9 pm each Wednesday, pop in or call me,

John Banbury, on 07759-086132

or email john@asherwood.co.uk;

Tennis, Badminton Pickleball, Boule & Frisbee



Soft Tennis, Badminton and Pickleball (a fast growing sport from the USA), and when the weather suits we also have Boules/Petanque and Frisbee outside.

It's open to all ages and abilities and it's great fun so please come along for some gentle exercise at the Scout Hall, Back Lane, Ollerton.

Just wear sporty clothes and shoes and bring a drink

Please contact Paul on **07803 606928** for further information or click on the organiser link below to send an email.

We use a WhatsApp group to communicate each week and for special events such as drinks and meals out so please send me your name and mobile number.

More information on our website, [click here](#).



Hope to see you soon,
Paul Webb on **0780360692**

Or email, paulmwebb@hotmail.com

You will have a great time !

Sunday Lunch Club



The Dukeries u3a Sunday lunch club Christmas lunch. This year we visited the Lansbury in Edwinstowe. It was a wonderful lunch with great company. Next year's new Sunday lunch club venues and dates will be available in January. If anyone is interested in coming next year please see either Maria or Jamie.

Maria Pitrolino 07904 269549

Tuesday Lunch

If you enjoy good food.

Why not join us? You choose the ones you want and do not have to support every event.

Program for 2026 on the next page....

Open to all, for more information contact Beryl on

07967 801467 Or email golferberyl@yahoo.co.uk





TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB 2026 PROGRAMM

Feb 3 rd	Spread Eagle Hockerton
Mar 3 rd	Greendale Oak Cuckney
April 7 th	The Angel Blyth
May 5 th	Refined Mansfield
June 2 nd	Bella Vita Ollerton
July 7 th	Rufford Park Golf Club
Aug 4 th	The Devonshire Langwith
Sept 1 st	The Chequers Ranby
Oct 6 th	The Lion Farnsfield
Nov 3 rd	West Retford Hotel
Dec 1 st	Bella Vita Ollerton

Meet 12.30 for 1pm

Beryl Lee 07967801467

WhatsApp Walkers....

The WhatsApp walks take place on a **Thursday every two weeks at 10.30am**, they are mostly local walks of 3 to 4 miles, we meet at suitable local starting points relevant to the walk, some of the starting points can be accessed by public transport, If a lift is required our friendly members are always willing to oblige. We usually contact everyone by WhatsApp but will also contact by phone call or text message.



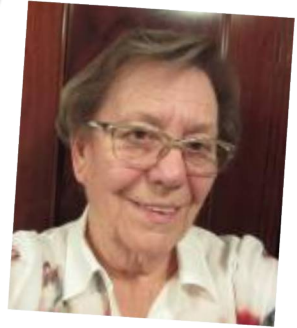
Our latest walk for November saw Twelve of our members enjoying another lovely walk around Budby Forest the weather stayed dry for us again in between all the wet days. On our return we called at the Crew Yard in Budby Antiques nearby for refreshments



If you would like to join the group please contact
Hazel or John Frances on 07484 728027
You'll be made most welcome.

Regards Hazel.

Jubilee Ukulele Group



The group has really gone from strength to strength. We now have thirty members and our collection of songs has grown to over one hundred and sixty, not counting the Christmas collection.

We are always happy to welcome new members to our weekly sessions, even if you don't currently have a Ukulele.

Linda Bond

**Meetings Thursday at Jubilee Hall,
10 to 12pm.**

Cost £1.50 *inc refreshments*

Information for group leaders.



Groups Coordinator.

The group coordinator is here to help all group leaders manage their interest Group and also to help anyone who is interested in setting up a new interest group. Please find below a very useful handbook which all current and future interest Group Leaders should read and refer to

[Handbook for Group Convenors Leaders_updated2024.docx](#)

You can contact the coordinator using this link [group coordinator](#)

Website Group Page updates

If you need any changes making to your group page please keep me informed now and in the future, this could include ...

Opening page – I can add photos and any details you would like adding

Future events – I would need to know the venue, date, time, cost, arrangements etc

Past event write up – I can add any write up with photos and comments

Other things can be added that I may not have thought of at the moment

You can contact the website manager using this link

[website manager](#)

Paul Webb

Website & Groups coordinator.



FARNSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

WALKING TENNIS

Farnsfield Tennis Club run Walking Tennis sessions every Monday from 11am until 1pm.

Why not come down for a trial session? No equipment or experience required.

What is Walking Tennis?

Looking for a new form of exercise in the new year? Walking Tennis is safe, fun and inclusive and a fantastic way to stay active!

It's a game that's open to anyone - whether you're an experienced tennis player, a complete beginner or just need a bit more time to get into the swing of things, you can give the game a go in a supportive setting.

You can play tennis at any age and Walking Tennis offers an easy way for older people to keep their body and mind active - while also enjoying the social side of being part of a tennis community



If you are interested, please come down to the club on a Monday morning, or contact **Alastair Walker**.

Email: amwalker1322@outlook.com



Do you fancy yourself as a singer?
Would you like to try?

Have you wondered whether you could sing in a choir. No test or audition, just turn up and give it a go...

Here's a few words from John Banbury, a member of the Dukeries Singers...



"We as a choir believe anyone can sing and is good enough to be part of the group, we would like to get that over to anyone Interested, most people think they cannot sing well enough but I can assure you that's not the case, I was a guy who only sung to himself in the shower, now I am really enjoying singing with folks. You only have to see what Gareth Malone achieves in the workplace getting people to sing, its just that we need people to come and try, they will be surprised what they can do and that we don't have auditions or checks on the way people sing."

So, if you fancy giving it a try, contact....

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North Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Group (NNNG)

The following u3a's belong to the NNNG:-

Ashfield, Dukeries, Bolsover and District, Forest Town & District, Mansfield & District, Rainworth & District, Sherwood, Sutton, Warsop & District, Worksop & District and Retford.

What does this mean?

Anyone from a NNNG u3a can join an activity group, or join a trip. Membership cards must be shown. This is based on places being available.

If you wish to join activity groups, and join social events, in any other u3a, you will need to purchase an Associate Membership from them.

Non NNNG u3a members can join an activity group but must complete an Affiliate Membership form.

Non u3a Guests on trips, must complete a one day membership form.

Dukeries u3a welcomes members from other u3a's on these terms.

NNNG actively encourages these opportunities to share members' skills, talents and experience. Learn, Live, Laugh

Health and Safety Information

Members of Dukeries u3a each have the responsibility to keep themselves safe, keep others safe and avoid making an environment unsafe, when taking part in activities.

Please continue to do the following: -

Avoid meeting others if you feel unwell or are infectious

Continue wearing a mask if want you to protect yourself and others

Avoid touching other people (hand-shaking, hugging and kissing) if you feel uncomfortable and want extra protection against infection.

Frequently wash your hands for 20 seconds and avoid touching your face. Ensure that equipment is clean to use in Activity groups.

Event and activity organisers, please ensure windows and doors are open to ventilate the rooms

If you are leading an activity, you do need to keep a register of names at each meeting and file it.

When signing up for a physical activity, please ensure it is within your capability (for example signing up for a walk which is too long for you)

Wash hands before serving refreshments, and ensure all crockery and utensils are clean before and after use.

If we each take on the responsibility, to protect ourselves and safeguard our friends, we will all enjoy our social lives.

Thank you.

Chris Neighbour, Health and Safety, Dukeries, u3a

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